

Next meeting: Jan. 8 at 8 PM

Meetings at the Bellerose Baptist Church (basement), Braddock Avenue at 241st Street



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KIKO GOES ON ISLAND "VACATION"

Finally, a notorious graffiti vandal who has damaged many buildings in Queens has gotten his just desserts.

The vandal, known by the street name of "Kiko," was sentenced to six months in jail on Rikers Island and fined \$25,000. Many members of our community, including those who are members of CAGE (Citizens Against Graffiti Everywhere) were in court at the sentencing to send a message to the judge that we consider graffiti a serious crime. The punk's real name is Oliver Siandre and is 28 years old.

While Kiko's efforts were mostly in Astoria and Long Island City, we in eastern Queens feel jailing any vandal serves as an example to all the others. Spray painting buildings is not the mark of a civilized society. We applaud the work of the police, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, and Queens Supreme Court judge Barry Kron.

K-8 PLAN DEAD

We had an interesting meeting last month. The principal of I.S. 109, a dean, the PTA president, a reverend, a teacher and her family, and a staffer showed up to praise the work being done at 109 to turn it around. The Civic had been interested in converting 109 and its feeder schools (including P.S. 33) into a K-8 format since at least 1999. These things don't get done without support, and in this case the lead had to come from the respective PTAs. Without going into detail, let's just say it isn't going to happen. If you are not happy about that, you should have supported the K-8 plan. Inaction, or not showing up to civic and PTA meetings, is a form of voting. Those who didn't show up voted for the status quo.

The principal, Shango Blake, is a charming and personable man who has been working hard the last three years to create a new environment at 109 that is conducive to learning. We think an important line of communication

has been opened between the school and our community. We appreciate the opportunity for dialogue.

JANUARY 8 - CIVIC HOLDS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Continuing a tradition we started two years ago, we now have New Year's Parties instead of Christmas Parties. We have found that people were tired of going to parties night after night in December, and besides, many of our members go on vacation and either couldn't serve on the committee, or just wouldn't be around for the party. Holding the party in January has been extremely successful. Many civic leaders and political leaders from the area drop in to wish us well. We'll be serving heros again with (non-alcoholic) punch on January 11. You are all welcome. You are free to bring snacks to share with

our members if you wish. The party is free. The meeting will be conducted with an abbreviated business meeting, and then the party will begin.

Don't Forget!!!

Our 80th Birthday Party on May 5th at the Farm Museum. Mark your new 2007 calendars. We will reveal details as they are decided by our party committee.



Our entire Association mourns the death of Marian J. (Jean) Corbett on December 6. See references elsewhere in this issue.

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Around the Town

❁ **Condolences** to the family of our esteemed loved former board member Jean Corbett of 88th Avenue. Jean passed away on December 6th. Jean had been active for many, many years, and only resigned when due to ill health was forced to move in with family in Floral Park Village. Jean is the mother of the former mayor of Floral Park.

President's Message

I was going to start out this column thanking and mentioning the individuals that have helped the Creedmoor Civic Association this past year, but I quickly realized that besides taking up LOTS of space, there was going to be an excellent chance I'd be forgetting a few names. Besides our elected officials, our community board, our neighboring civic associations, and for the most part, our local precinct, the most important help comes from CCA's own volunteers; The board members and officers, the block captains, and you, our members. Without all of you, there would be no Creedmoor Civic Association, an organization that's been helping our neighborhood for nearly 80 years.

We're still looking for some old photographs that show our neighborhood. We'd love to place a few in this newsletter, especially for our 80th Anniversary issue in May. Let me know. We can scan the photos with no damage at all.

I lost a good friend last month. Jean Corbett of 88th Ave passed away on December 6. Jean was a CCA board member for many, many years. I will miss her.

Next month we will be printing the names of our paid membership. I know that some block captains had a difficult time getting out this past summer to collect. If you haven't yet paid your dues, it's not too late. In this issue, you'll find a tear-off that can be mailed in. Not sure if you paid for 2006? Just leave a message at 718 464-3369 with your name and address, and I'll get back to you within a day. Dues and occasional donations are CCA's only sources of funding. No one at Creedmoor Civic receives a salary. We're all volunteers. Please take a moment to fill out the form and send in your dues if you haven't yet done so.

Your neighbor,

Rick Duszkiewicz

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I have enclosed:

- 2006 dues (\$6.00)
- 2007 dues (\$6.00)
- Donation: _____
- Please include me on the CCA email list (*I am not already on it*) e-mail address: _____

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